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MEDICAL OFFICER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1970

To the Chairman and Members of the
Pontardawe Rural District Council

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I herewith submit the Annual Report for the year ended 31st. December, 1970. The Report is compiled in accordance with the instructions of the Ministry of Health as given in Circular 1/71 (Wales) and the Public Health Officers Regulations, 1959.

During the year 1970 the vital statistics followed a similar trend to those of previous years. Amongst the notifications of infectious diseases, Infective Hepatitis continued as in the previous year to be prominent. In 1969, 47 cases of this disease were notified, all but 3 during the second half of that year. In 1970 there were 76 cases, all but 11 occurring during the first half of the year. It will be seen therefore that there were approximately 100 cases between mid 1969 and mid 1970, since when they have been few and sporadic. As is usual in most outbreaks of Infective Hepatitis the source was not apparent and most cases continued to occur in and around Cwmllynfell and the Graigfelen half of the town of Clydach. The majority were in children of school age. 175 cases of Measles were notified mainly during the last few months of the year. It is probable that the vaccinations against Measles carried out previously have not been on a widespread enough scale to influence the number of cases occurring.

In November a sharp outbreak of Food Poisoning occurred involving a kitchen and canteen which prepared meals for a neighbouring Junior and Infants School. Although the occurrence was an extensive one none of those affected were seriously ill. It is probable that about 300 persons from the two schools, mainly children, had eaten the same meal and that about a half were affected to some extent although all of them were not ill enough to consult their Doctors. A total of 59 cases was notified. Everyone who was involved had recovered within 48 hours. Investigation of stool specimens by the Public Health Laboratory revealed Clostridium Welchii as the cause of the outbreak and there was very strong presumtpive evidence tha tthe incident was caused by the consumption of re-heated minced beef. It should be mentioned that this outbreak occurred against a background of good catering practice and in fact the standard of hygiene and cleanliness in this kitchen was usually excellent.

The Public Health Department continued to exercise its functions concerning the re-housing of applicants in Council houses. Although no houses had been built by this Authority during the previous three years, building was recommenced during 1970 in a number of wards and up to the end of the year amongst the 113 families rehoused, 23 were placed in new houses.

The Meals on Wheels Service continued throughout the year, approximately 12,000 meals being cooked in school kitchens and distributed by the Women's Royal Voluntary Service or the Women's Institute to elderly or handicapped persons in the area. In August 1970 the Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons Act became law. Amongst other provisions it became mandatory for District Councils to carry out alterations to its houses to suit the needs of the elderly, chronic sick or handicapped, although during previous years this Council has carried out any alterations necessary. These alterations consisted mainly in the provision of new or extra toilets, bathroom fittings, handrails on stairs and footpaths and the provision of ramps for the use of wheelchairs etc.

Plans for the provision of a Health Centre in Pontardawe were drawn up by the Glamorgan County Council and it was decided that the centre should be included in the 1971/72 building programme and the health centre, for the use of three general practitioners and County Council Health Services, would be built on a central site provided by the District Council.

It is desired to thank the Chairman and Members of the Council for their co-operation and interest in the work of the Department and the Staff of the Public Health Department who have at all times carried out their duties in a satisfactory manner.

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

G. M. DAVIES,

Medical Officer of Health

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA

Chairman of the Public Health Committee:

Councillor F. WILLIAMS

PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS:

Medical Officer of Health:

Dr. G. M. DAVIES, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.

Chief Public Health Inspector:

IEUAN LEWIS, M.B.E., F.A.P.H.I., C.R.S.H.
(Meat and Other Foods)

Deputy Chief Public Health Inspector:

H. WYNNE JONES, M.A.P.H.I., C.I.Hsg., C.R.S.H.
(Meat and Other Foods)

Additional Public Health Inspectors:

G. A. REES, M.A.P.H.I.

D. J. DAVIES, M.A.P.H.I., C.R.S.H.
(Meat and Other Foods)

Authorised Meat Inspector:

GERALD EDMUNDS, (Part Year)

Administrative and Clerical:

Senior Clerical Assistant: ELWYN LEWIS

MARY E. DAVIES
ANN EVANS
BEATRICE WILLIAMS
A. MARY HOWELLS

SECTION A — STATISTICS

Area as given on Ordnance Maps	34,969 acres
Registrar-General's Estimate of mid-year population	29,420
Rateable Value as at 1st April, 1970	£793,623
Sum represented by a Penny Rate 1/4/70	£3,065

Live Births:

Number	383
Rate per 1,000 population (adjusted)	14.7
Illegitimate Live Births per cent of total live births	4

Still Births:

Number	10
Rate per 1,000 total live and still-births	38
Total live and still-births	393
Infant Deaths (deaths under 1 year)	5

Infant Mortality Rates:

Total Infant Deaths per 1,000 total live births	13
Legitimate Infant Deaths per 1,000 ligetimate live births	11
Illegitimate Infant Deaths per 1,000 illegitimate live births	71
Neo-natal Mortality Rate (deaths under 4 weeks per 1,000 total live births)	13
Early Neo-natal Mortality Rate (deaths under 1 week per 1,000 total live births)	13
Perinatal Mortality Rate (Still-births and deaths under 1 week combined per 1,000 total live and still-births)	38
Maternal Mortality (including abortion)	Nil
Total Number of Deaths (all ages)	436
Rate per 1,000 population (adjusted)	15.1
Deaths from Cancer	84
Deaths from Gastro-enteritis (under 1 year)	Nil

FACTORIES ACT, 1961

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH IN RESPECT OF THE YEAR 1970 FOR THE RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL OF PONTARDAWE IN THE COUNTY OF GLAMORGAN

Prescribed Particulars on the Administration of the Factories Act, 1961

PART I OF THE ACT

I—INSPECTIONS for purpose of provisions as to Health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors).

Premises (1)	Number on Register (2)	Number of		
		Inspections (3)	Written Notices (4)	Occupiers prosecuted (5)
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	7	8	—	—
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	129	164	—	—
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)	—	—	—	—
TOTAL	136	172	—	—

2—Cases in which DEFECTS were found.
(If defects are discovered at the premises on two, three or more separate occasions they should be reckoned as two, three or more "cases")

Particulars (1)	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted (6)
	Found (2)	Remedied (3)	Referred		
			To H.M. Inspector (4)	By H.M. Inspector (5)	
Want of cleanliness (S.1)	5	5	—	—	—
Overcrowding (S.2.)	—	—	—	—	—
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)	—	—	—	—	—
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	—	—	—	—	—
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	—	—	—	—	—
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)					
(a) Insufficient	—	—	—	—	—
(b) Unsuitable or defective	7	7	—	—	—
(c) Not separate for sexes	—	—	—	—	—
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork)	—	—	1	—	—
TOTAL	12	12	1	—	—

Part VIII of the Act. HOMEWORK. (Sections 133 and 134)
There were no Outworkers registered with the Authority during 1970.
Report under Factories Act, 1961.
All factories were supervised in accordance with the requirements of the Act, and as indicated in the foregoing tables all defects were remedied without the institution of proceedings.

CAUSES OF DEATH AT DIFFERENT PERIODS OF LIFE DURING 1970 IN PONTARDAWE RURAL DISTRICT

CAUSE OF DEATH	Sex	Total All ages	Under 4 weeks	4 Weeks and under 1 year	AGE IN YEARS 1-4	5-14	15-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65-75	75 +
B4 Enteritis and Other Diarrhoal Diseases	M	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—
	F	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
B5 Tuberculosis of Respiratory System	M	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—
	F	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—
B6 (1) Late Effects of Respiratory T.B.	M	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	F	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—
B6 (2) Other Tuberculosis ..	M	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
	F	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
B18 Other Infective and Parasitic Diseases	M	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
	F	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
B19 (1) Malignant Neoplasm, Buccal Cavity etc.	M	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	F	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1
B19 (2) Malignant Neoplasm Oesophagus	M	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—
	F	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
B19 (3) Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach	M	12	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	4	5
	F	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	1	—	3
B19 (4) Malignant Neoplasm, Intestine	M	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—
	F	8	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	3	3
B19 (6) Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus	M	12	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	5	5	1
	F	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
B 19 (7) Malignant Neoplasm, Breast	M	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	F	12	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	3	6	1
B 19 (8) Malignant Neoplasm Uterus	F	9	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	3	3
B19 (9) Malignant Neoplasm Prostate	M	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
B19 (10 Leukaemia	M	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—
	F	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
B19 (11) Other Malignant Neoplasms	M	5	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	3	—
	F	10	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	2	4	3
B20 Benign and Unspecified Neoplasms	M	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—
	F	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
B21 Diabetes Mellitus	M	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1
	F	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2
B46 (1) Other Endocrine etc. Diseases	M	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—
	F	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1
B46 (4) Multiple Sclerosis ..	M	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
	F	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

B46 (5) Other Diseases of Nervous System	M	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
	F	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1
B26 Chronic Rheumatic Heart Disease	M	5	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	1	2	—
	F	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—
B27 Hypertensive Disease ..	M	8	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	4	2
	F	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	4
B28 Ischaemic Heart Disease ..	M	64	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	7	22	20	15
	F	59	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	7	16	33
B29 Other Forms of Heart Disease	M	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	2
	F	12	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	3	8
B30 Cerebrovascular Disease ..	M	22	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	3	10	7
	F	31	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	1	2	6	20
B46 (6) Other Diseases of Circulatory System	M	9	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	3	4
	F	8	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	8
B31 Influenza..	M	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	1
	F	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	1
B32 Pneumonia	M	8	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	5
	F	13	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	11
B33 (1) Bronchitis and Emphysema	M	29	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	10	15
	F	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
B46 (7) Other Diseases of Respiratory System	M	12	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	5	3
	F	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—
B34 Peptic Ulcer	M	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
	F	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1
B36 Intestinal Obstruction and Hernia	M	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	F	4	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3
B46 (8) Other Diseases of Digestive System	M	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
	F	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1
B38 Nephritis and Nephrosis ..	M	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—
	F	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
B46 (11) Diseases of Musculo-Skeletal System	M	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—
	F	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1
B43 Birth Injury, Difficult Labour, Etc.	M	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	F	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
B44 Other Causes of Perinatal Mortality	M	2	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	F	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
BE47 Motor Vehicle Accidents ..	M	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
	F	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
BE48 All Other Accidents ..	M	5	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	2	1
	F	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	4
BE49 Suicide and Self-Inflicted Injuries	M	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	1	—	—
	F	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
TOTAL ALL CAUSES ..	M	226	2	—	—	1	1	2	1	20	53	80	66
	F	210	3	—	—	—	—	—	5	9	26	52	115

GLAMORGAN (ADMINISTRATIVE COUNTY) — VITAL STATISTICS — 1970

		Est'd Pop. 1970	LIVE BIRTHS			DEATHS			INFANT MORTALITY		PERI-NATAL MORTALITY	
			No. of Live Births	Rate per 1,000 population		No. of Deaths	Rate per 1,000 population		Deaths under one year	Rate per 1,000 live births	Stillbirths & deaths under one week	Rate per 1,000 live and stillbirths
				Crude	Adj'ed		Crude	Adj'ted				
England and Wales		48,987,700	784,482	16.0	16.0	575,208	11.7	11.7	14,269	18	18,669	23
Administrative County..		748,190	12,083	16.1	16.6	9,319	12.5	14.1	255	21	330	27
Urban Districts		523,700	8,138	15.5	16.0	6,719	12.8	14.5	188	23	236	29
Rural Districts		224,490	3,945	17.6	18.0	2,600	11.6	13.0	67	17	94	23
Health Division. Constituent Districts												
Aberdare and Mountain Ash.	Aberdare Urban ..	38,250	652	17.0	18.5	575	15.0	15.2	15	23	19	29
	Mountain Ash Urban	28,420	458	16.1	16.1	357	12.6	15.0	17	37	15	32
Caerphilly and Gelligaer	Caerphilly Urban ..	40,550	804	19.8	19.4	404	10.0	12.5	21	26	21	26
	Gelligaer Urban ..	34,420	556	16.2	16.2	419	12.2	15.4	16	29	15	27
Mid-Glamorgan	Bridgend Urban ..	15,170	197	13.0	13.4	204	13.4	14.6	5	25	6	30
	Maesteg Urban ..	21,220	401	18.9	19.7	271	12.8	15.9	13	32	22	53
	Ogmore and Garw Urban ..	20,120	390	19.4	20.0	305	15.2	18.4	13	33	13	33
	Porthcawl Urban ..	13,640	188	13.8	16.3	216	15.8	12.6	5	27	3	16
	Penybont Rural ..	50,530	1,004	19.9	19.1	656	13.0	11.8	18	18	16	16

Neath and District	Neath M.B. ..	29,470	380	12.9	13.4	396	13.4	14.5	6	16	10	26
	Neath Rural ..	40,390	568	14.1	14.7	534	13.2	15.4	13	23	15	26
Pontypridd and Llantrisant.	Llantrisant Rural ..	34,270	747	21.8	22.5	306	8.9	11.9	15	20	22	29
	Pontypridd Urban ..	35,040	531	15.2	15.5	451	12.9	13.3	11	21	20	37
Port Talbot and Glyncorrwg	Glyncorrwg Urban ..	9,330	146	15.6	15.1	115	12.3	18.1	3	21	4	27
	Port Talbot M.B. ..	51,000	699	13.7	13.6	570	11.2	15.0	18	26	22	31
South East Glamorgan	Barry M.B. ..	42,370	652	15.4	15.9	503	11.9	12.9	12	18	14	21
	Cardiff Rural ..	29,810	570	19.1	17.6	304	10.2	10.8	6	11	8	14
	Cowbridge M.B. ..	1,500	40	26.7	26.4	22	14.7	16.9	3	75	1	25
	Cowbridge Rural ..	23,720	441	18.6	21.2	177	7.5	13.1	8	18	16	35
	Penarth Urban ..	23,200	339	14.6	15.8	271	11.7	11.0	2	6	5	15
West Glamorgan	Gower Rural ..	16,350	232	14.2	14.9	187	11.4	12.4	2	9	2	9
	Llwchwr Urban ..	26,000	419	16.1	17.2	329	12.7	13.8	8	19	7	17
	Pontardawe Rural ..	29,420	383	13.0	14.7	436	14.8	15.1	5	13	15	38
Rhondda M.B.		94,000	1,286	13.7	14.1	1,311	13.9	15.4	20	16	39	30

VITAL STATISTICS — 1970

ENGLAND AND WALES — PERSONS

ESTIMATED MID-YEAR HOME POPULATION 48,987,700

	Number	Rate	
Live Births	784,482*	16.0	per 1,000 population
Stillbirths	10,341*	13.0	per 1,000 total births
Deaths	575,208	11.7	per 1,000 population
Infant Mortality (deaths under 1 year of age)	14,269	18.0	per 1,000 live births
Neonatal Mortality (deaths under 4 weeks of age)	9,663	12.0	per 1,000 live births
Early Neonatal Mortality (deaths under 1 week of age)	8,328	11.0	per 1,000 live births
Perinatal Mortality (stillbirths and deaths under 1 wk. of age)	18,669	23.0	per 1,000 total births

* Estimated

BIRTHS AND DEATHS 1947 — 1970

Year	Live Birth Rate per 1,000 Population (Adjusted)	Death Rate under One year per 1,000 Live Births	Death Rate per 1,000 Population (Adjusted)
1947	16.8	45.0	12.9
1948	16.5	37.1	11.8
1949	14.4	51.0	13.2
1950	13.97	35.09	14.15
1951	13.23	30.37	14.16
1952	14.57	32.05	13.30
1953	13.93	49.11	13.21
1954	14.26	39.22	13.36
1955	13.43	20.83	14.70
1956	13.97	27.33	16.07
1957	13.78	27.59	14.46
1958	13.55	18.78	15.52
1959	13.30	28.85	13.67
1960	13.55	35.55	14.70
1961	13.93	23.58	14.37
1962	14.22	25.35	14.70
1963	16.36	24.77	15.73
1964	18.02	22.68	15.14
1965	15.57	14.39	13.58
1966	15.14	14.85	14.26
1967	13.9	16.0	15.5
1968	15.6	12.0	14.3
1969	14.5	13.0	15.2
1970	14.7	13.0	15.1

BIRTHS AND INFANT DEATHS — 1970

BIRTHS

Live Births				Still Births			
	M	F	Total		M	F	Total
Total	212	171	383	Total	4	6	10
Legitimate	206	163	369	Legitimate	4	6	10
Illegitimate	6	8	14	Illegitimate	—	—	—

INFANT DEATHS

Deaths of Infants under 1 year of age				Deaths of Infants under 4 weeks of age				Deaths of Infants under 1 week of age			
	M	F	Total		M	F	Total		M	F	T'tal
Total	–	–	5	Total	–	–	5	Total	–	–	5
Legitimate	1	3	4	Legitimate	1	3	4	Legitimate	1	3	4
Illegitimate	1	–	1	Illegitimate	1	–	1	Illegitimate	1	–	1

ACCIDENTAL DEATHS 1970

During the year there were 4 suicide deaths, 1 motor vehicle accident and 10 other accidental deaths.

SECTION B — GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE DISTRICT

(*a*) Laboratory Facilities:

Samples taken for bacteriological examination were examined as in past years at the Public Health Laboratory, Swansea,those for chemical analysis and air pollution being analysed at the County Laboratory, Cardiff.

The number of samples taken during the year was as follows:

WATER:	
BACTERIOLOGICAL Examination	333
CHEMICAL Analysis	NIL
SWIMMING BATHS WATER:	
BACTERIOLOGICAL Examination	15
CHEMICAL Examination	NIL
MILK:	
BACTERIOLOGICAL Examination	11
BIOLOGICAL Examination	6
ICE CREAM:	
BACTERIOLOGICAL Examination	9
CHEMICAL Analysis	NIL
ATMOSPHERIC POLLUTION:	
LEAD PEROXIDE INSTRUMENTS:	12
DEPOSIT GAUGE	NIL

(*b*) Welfare Services, Hospital and Ambulance Services:

The two County Council hostels at Danybryn and Gelligron continued in use. Your officers co-operate with the County Welfare Officers in dealing with cases needing joint action.

The Clydach and Gellynudd Hospitals continued in use under the Administration of the Glantawe Management Committee.

National Assistance Acts, 1948 and 1951:

Your Council accepts responsibility under these enactments for the burial of any person who dies within the area and in respect of whom it appears that no individual is making private arrangements. It became necessary in the course of the year to arrange for the burial of one such person.

SECTION C

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES IN THE AREA

Water:

The Council's Water Undertaking was transferred to the West Glamorgan Water Board in 1966. Your Council is still responsible for ensuring that the water supplies of the area are pure, and the closest liaison is maintained with officers of the Water Board. Samples are taken generally upon complaint and results of analysis are exchanged with the Water Board. Any matters likely to endanger purity of supply noticed by your officers in the course of general inspection are immediately notified to the Board.

Public Swimming Baths:

There are two swimming baths in the area which are the responsibility respectively of the Llanguicke and Rhyndwyclydach Parish Councils. The baths are only open during the spring and summer periods and samples are regularly taken. The advice of the Department is made readily available to the Parish Councils concerned when any difficulties arise.

Development of Water and Sewerage Schemes:

(i) Clydach Outfall Sewer (£25,259) — Scheme in progress.

(ii) Penrhiwfarteg Sewerage Scheme — in preparation.

(iii) Llanguicke Sewerage Scheme — in preparation.

(iv) Tynyberllan Sewerage Scheme — in preparation.

SECTION D — HOUSING

Tables giving a summary of the Council's rehousing activities (a) during the year 1970 and (b) for the years 1946-1970 are included in this section of the Report.

ANALYSIS OF APPLICANTS REHOUSED SUMMARY OF WARDS 1970

WARD	Rehoused under the points scheme					Rehoused Outside the Points Scheme		Type of Accommodation provided			Tr'sfers–sub-ten'cies			Total number families prov. with Alt. Acc. (Pts. Scheme, Other Cases, Transfers sub-tenancies)
	Total Fam'ls Reh'sd under Points scheme	Applicants g'ted priority on grounds of			Living in Apts	Keyw'ks	Other Cases	New Houses	Casual Vac'cies	Notes	No. of Transfers approved	No. of sb-tenancies Authorised	Total transfers—sb-tenancies	
		T.B.	Other Illness	Unfit Houses										
	(1)					(2)	(2)						(3)	(1) plus (2) plus (3)
Clydach	10	1	7	1	55	1	—	—	13		3	20	23	34
Gellionnen	4	—	3	—	15	—	1	—	3		1	5	6	11
Craigcefnparc	8	—	5	2	4	1	—	6	4		1	3	4	13
Garnswllt—Velindre	1	—	1	1	8	—	—	—	—		—	2	2	3
Ynysymond	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—		—	1	1	1
Cilybebyll	8	—	5	1	13	2	6	4	12		6	6	12	28
Blaenegel & Mawr	11	—	7	1	31	2	3	—	16		5	10	15	31
Godrergraig	8	—	5	2	11	—	1	—	8		3	6	9	18
Alltygrug	16	—	8	7	27	1	—	—	18		7	11	18	35
Cwmllynfell	6	—	3	—	7	—	—	—	6		6	—	6	12
Caegurwen	21	1	16	3	23	1	1	13	10		2	8	10	33
TOTAL Dec. 1970	93	2	60	18	196	8	12	23	90		34	72	106	219

ANALYSIS OF APPLICANTS REHOUSED SUMMARY FOR YEARS 1946 - 1970

WARD	Rehoused under the points scheme					Rehoused Outside the Points Scheme		Type of Accommodation provided			Tr'sfers–sub-ten'cies			Total number families prov. with Alt. Acc. (Pts. Scheme, Other Cases, Transfers sub-tenancies)
	Total Fam'ls Reh'sd under Points scheme	Applicants g'ted priority on grounds of			Living in Apts	Keyw'ks	Other Cases	New Houses	Casual Vac'cies	Notes	No. of Transfers approved	No. of sb-tenancies Authorised	Total transfers—sb-tenancies	
		T.B.	Other Illness	Unfit Houses										
	(1)					(2)	(2)						(3)	(1) plus (2) plus (3)
Clydach	569	31	259	44	483	64	—	422	278		420	334	754	1387
Gellionnen	188	20	78	44	96	14	—	119	77		104	86	190	392
Craigcefnparc	95	2	31	17	47	7	—	59	42		29	39	68	170
Garnswllt—Velindre	85	6	23	15	61	2	—	49	38		13	30	43	130
Ynysymond	42	—	17	6	24	4	—	32	13		10	22	32	78
Cilybebyll	274	20	111	72	157	52	—	182	142		89	112	201	527
Blaenegel & Mawr	401	29	190	77	263	69	—	297	187		138	240	378	848
Godrergraig	255	16	73	89	131	17	—	189	99		84	195	279	551
Alltygrug	398	20	165	112	204	15	—	171	241		237	307	544	957
Cwmllynfell	148	7	32	39	72	3	—	71	80		40	79	119	270
Caegurwen	365	22	166	54	254	10	—	210	160		116	191	307	682
TOTAL Dec. 1970	2820	173	1145	569	1792	257	—	1801	1357		1280	1635	2915	5992

SAMPLES TAKEN IN THE PONTARDAWE RURAL DISTRICT BY THE COUNTY SAMPLING OFFICERS DURING THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1970

Aspirins	1	Meat Paste	3
Butter	6	Meat Products	11
Cheese Spread	3	Milk	18
Chocolate Drink	1	Rice	1
Coffee and Chicory	1	Salt	2
Cooking Fat/Oil	1	Sauces	1
Cream	3	Soda Water	1
Curry Powder	1	Soft Drinks	8
Fish Paste	2	Sweets	1
Fruit (dried)	1	Syrup	1
Jam	1	Vinegar	1
Lard	1	Vitamin Tablets etc.	3
Margarine	1	Soup	1

Milk Samples.

The results of samples taken during the year for bacteriological and biological purposes are as follows. Examinations were made at the Swansea Public Health Laboratory.

Laboratory	No. Taken	No. Satis-factory	No. Unsatis-factory
Public Health Laboratory, Swansea			
Bacteriological Examination	11	11	—
Biological	6	6	—

Ice Cream

Samples were collected during the year and taken to Swansea Public Health Laboratory for examination.

Number of Samples taken : 9

Food and Drugs Act 1955 (Section 16) Ice cream Registrations

	PARISH OR WARD										
	Clyd	Gell	Mw	Ynis	Cil	B.M	Gd	Allt	Cm	Cae	Tot'l
Manufacture and Sale :											
(i) Complete Cold Mix	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	1	3
(ii) Hot Mix	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	1	1	4
Sale :											
(i) Prepacked	18	3	6	—	5	14	7	17	2	11	83
(ii) Loose	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	18	3	6	—	5	16	8	18	3	13	90

CARCASES AND OFFAL INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED

	Cattle excluding Cows	Cows & Bulls	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs
Number killed	2829	208	32	28813	11421
Number Inspected	2829	208	32	28813	11421
All Diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerosis Whole Carcases Condemned	2	2	—	4	6
Carcases of which Some Part or Organ was condemned ..	1134	56	—	13853	4731
Percentage of Number affected with disease other than tuberculosis and cysticercosis ..	40 %	27%	—	48%	41%
Tuberculosis Only Whole Carcases Condemned	—	2	—	—	—
Carcases of which Some Part or Organ was condemned ..	—	7	—	—	133
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	—	4.33%	—	—	1.14%

Cysticercosis .. 8 Cases were found during the year

SECTION F — PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES

NOTIFICATION OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES FOR EACH MONTH — 1970

Disease	*Jan.*	*Feb.*	*Mch*	*Apr.*	*May*	*June*	*July*	*Aug.*	*Sept.*	*Oct.*	*Nov.*	*Dec.*	*Total*
Scarlet Fever	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	4
Measles	—	—	5	3	—	10	24	33	3	—	57	40	175
Infective Hepatitis	14	1	20	22	1	7	3	6	1	—	—	1	76
Food Poisoning	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	59	—	60
TOTAL	14	1	26	25	2	17	27	39	4	—	116	44	315

CANCER — LUNG AND BRONCHUS DEATHS 1950—1970

Year	Sex	Total — Cancer	Total—Lung and Bronchus
1950	M	33	9
	F	23	—
1951	M	40	7
	F	22	—
1952	M	35	12
	F	31	—
1953	M	47	21
	F	28	1
1954	M	25	2
	F	23	3
1955	M	43	16
	F	30	1
1956	M	46	17
	F	35	—
1957	M	41	10
	F	26	—
1958	M	55	18
	F	33	—
1959	M	37	12
	F	23	—
1960	M	38	13
	F	34	1
1961	M	34	8
	F	32	1
1962	M	35	12
	F	25	—
1963	M	27	12
	F	24	—
1964	M	37	14
	F	24	2
1965	M	32	8
	F	26	1
1966	M	45	15
	F	33	2
1967	M	37	10
	F	27	1
1968	M	29	6
	F	39	5
1969	M	23	19
	F	28	—
1970	M	24	12
	F	48	—

TUBERCULOSIS

During the year there were 4 deaths and 5 new cases notified.
Numbers on the Register are as follows :

	Respiratory			Non-Respiratory			
	M	F	Total	M	F	Total	Total
Beginning of the Year	228	199	427	43	36	79	506
End of the Year	230	197	427	44	36	80	507

PARTICULARS OF TUBERCULOSIS DEATHS 1950 - 1970

Year	Pulmonary		Total	Non-Pulmonary		Total	Total Deaths All Forms
	Male	Female		Male	Female		
1950	10	10	20	1	2	3	23
1951	8	8	16	—	1	1	17
1952	13	3	16	—	1	1	17
1953	12	1	13	1	1	2	15
1954	8	2	10	2	—	2	12
1955	7	2	9	—	—	—	9
1956	1	3	4	—	—	—	4
1957	5	2	7	—	2	2	9
1958	2	—	2	1	—	1	3
1959	3	—	3	—	1	1	4
1960	2	1	3	—	—	—	3
1961	2	—	2	—	—	—	2
1962	2	—	2	—	—	—	2
1963	1	—	1	1	—	1	2
1964	1	—	1	—	—	—	1
1965	2	—	2	1	—	1	3
1966	3	—	3	—	—	—	3
1967	1	—	1	—	—	—	1
1968	1	—	1	—	1	1	2
1969	1	—	1	—	2	2	3
1970	1	2	3	1	—	1	4

CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH AND SHOPS' INSPECTOR'S ANNUAL REPORT 1970

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting my report for 1970.

The services which are the responsibility of the Department have been maintained satisfactorily and no special problems have occurred which require reference, except in so far as they are referred to in the text of the report.

PART I. — GENERAL PUBLIC HEALTH

Inspections for the Year 1970:

(a)	All types of premises under Public Health and Housing Acts	7213
(b)	Infectious Diseases	273
(c)	Dairies, Milkshops, etc.	21
(d)	Factories and Workplaces	172
(e)	Verminous Premises	141
(f)	Miscellaneous (including Food Stores and Butchers' Shops)	3994
(g)	Inspections under Prevention of Damage by Pests Acts, 1950	1637
(h)	Inspections under Shops Act, 1950	521
(i)	Inspections of Licensed Premises	66
(j)	Meat Inspection - see appropriate section of report	

Public Cleansing

REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

(i) **Contract Collection**

Refuse is at present collected by contract in Velindre, Garnswllt, Cwmcerdinen and Tynyberllan. The areas referred to are too scattered in nature, or distant from main routes to make direct collection economic.

(ii) **Craig–Cefn–Parc Refuse Tip**

A complaint was received during the year that a stream some distance from the tip was being polluted by tip leachage. Samples were taken by the Department and the South West Wales River Board was also invited to take independent samples. Both samples confirmed that the tip was not in any way the cause of water pollution.

(iii) **Unauthorised Tipping**

Your Council resolved to authorise the clearance by the Department of any unsightly waste material tipped in the area. The extensive acreage of open mountain in the North West of the district provides convenient dumping ground for people who often pass authorised tipping places in order to dispose of unwanted material in the open. Such action spoils the countryside and your Council's instructions have been carried into effect.

(iv) **Purchase of New Vehicle**

It has become apparent that the changing nature of house refuse is causing collection difficulty. This is part of a national trend and much of the material put out for collection has a high volume and a low density, being composed in the main of packages and cartons. A screw loading vehicle which effectively compresses refuse was demonstrated in the area and proved to be extremely efficient in dealing with the type of refuse which has to be collected, and an order for such a vehicle has been approved by your Council for delivery in 1971.

NIGHT SOIL REMOVAL

This service is now necessary only in areas where high sewerage costs have prevented water-carriage systems being installed. This matter has been referred to in previous reports and it is again desired to support the Council's efforts to sewer these areas. The houses concerned are in most cases of sound construction and many could be dealt with under an Improvement Grant if only a sewer or cesspool were available.

The purchase of a cesspool emptier by your Council is welcomed as it will enable cesspools to be installed in these areas. These may serve single properties or perhaps a group of properties and will enable a much needed amenity to be provided for outlaying areas.

STREET CLEANING

The Council pays an annual amount within the terms of the Public Health Act, 1936, to the County Council for the cleansing of highways by this latter authority. The repayment basis has been agreed throughout Glamorgan by the constituent county districts and cleansing is carried out on a mechanical basis.

LITTER

The plastic bonded steel containers now in operation have continued to prove their durability. There are adequate litter bins now in service and these are emptied in passing by the refuse vehicles.

ABANDONED VEHICLES

Steps are being taken to remove abandoned vehicles under Civic Amenities Act procedures. After the appropriate notices have expired the vehicles are removed by a local contractor. To date the problem is not as great as was originally feared.

FACTORIES ACT, 1961

The provisions of this Act were, where necessary, applied during the year.

RODENT DESTRUCTION

Details of the work carried out during the year is set out in the accompanying table. Every complaint is dealt with within 24 hours of receipt and it is thought that the public appreciates prompt attention in complaints of this nature. Close watch is being kept for signs of resistance to poisons but none has been found.

GENERAL

(a) INDUSTRIAL WASTE

It has become necessary during the year to deal with smell nuisance arising from industrial waste which had been tipped in a local quarry. Enquiries showed that material leaching from the quarry was the cause of the smell and discussions are now proceeding with the firm concerned as to the most practicable methods of eliminating the odour.

(b) NUISANCE FROM MOVING VEHICLES

There are a number of coal preparation plants in the area and the haulage to and from these plants is by road. The vehicles are not covered, are sometimes overloaded and the spillage of fine coal in transit has occurred. The matter has been discussed with officers of the National Coal Board at Area level and they have been informed that in future your Council will apply the Glamorgan County By-law.

RODENT DESTRUCTION, 1970

WARD/PARISH	Premises Treated, Including Refuse Tips, Brooks, River Banks			Sewer Treatment		Combined Figures		
	No. Treated	No. of Baiting Points	No. of Baits Laid	No. of Manholes Treated	No. of Baits Laid	Total Premises & Manholes Treated	Total No. of Baiting Points	Total Baits Laid
Clydach	97	2329	6963	—	—	97	2329	6963
Gellionnen	45	1072	3216	—	—	45	1072	3216
Mawr	46	1276	3828	—	—	46	1276	3828
Ynisymond	8	180	540	—	—	8	180	540
Cilybebyll	52	1165	3483	—	—	52	1165	3483
Blaenegel & Mawr ..	90	1952	5840	—	—	90	1952	5840
Godre'rgraig	51	1154	3442	—	—	51	1154	3442
Alltygrug	100	2466	7378	—	—	100	2466	7378
Cwmllynfell	22	580	1740	—	—	22	580	1740
Caegurwen	68	1788	5364	—	—	68	1788	5364
TOTALS	579	13962	41794	—	—	579	13962	41794

HOUSING

(a) HERBERT STREET CLEARANCE AREA

In the two years preceding 1970 action was taken to close individually six houses in lower Herbert Street. Demolition was effected in default by the Council. It was then resolved to deal with the adjacent block by means of a Clearance Areas and Compulsory Purchase Order. The appropriate resolutions were taken in March by the Council and confirmation of both orders by the Minister is now awaited.

(b) ESTIMATE OF UNFIT PREMISES

Through direct survey and on the basis of records in the Department, is was estimated that some 400 houses in the area were in their present state unfit for human habitation and incapable of repair at reasonable cost. It is interesting to note that as distinct from the housing problem of many areas where unfit properties are closely grouped, the unfit houses in this area are generally dispersed in pockets of two or three properties together.

The term "reasonable cost" is normally assessed as that amount which the owner is required to spend from his own pocket in order to make a house fit. The most recent provision of house improvement allow repairs to be considered as a matter for grant and it is therefore likely that as indeed the statute entails, a fair proportion of these unfit properties will be repaired and improved, particularly as your Council has over the years pursued the policy of implementing improvement statutes to the full.

(c) DEMOLITION AND CLOSURE

The table indicates action taken in the various wards during the year. The remarks made in previous years regarding the general procedure again apply.

WARD	Demolition Order	Under-takings Accepted	Under-takings Cancelled	Closing Order	Properties Demolish'd
Cilybebyll ..	—	3	—	—	—
Alltygrug ..	1	1	1	1	9
Rhyndwyclydach	—	1	—	—	—
Gellionnen ..	—	1	1	—	—
Caegurwen ..	—	5	5	—	1
Blaenegel & Mawr	—	—	2	—	5
Cwmllynfell	4	—	—	—	—
Ynysmond ..	—	—	—	—	—
Godrergraig ..	1	2	—	—	—
Mawr/Craigcefnparc	1	2	1	—	—
Velindre/Garnswllt	—	—	—	—	—
TOTAL	7	15	10	1	15

Inspection of Dwelling–Houses during the Year

(1)	(a)	Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health and Housing Acts)	761
	(b)	Number of Inspections made for the purpose	2538
(2)		Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for habitation	23
(3)		Number of dwelling houses (exclusive to those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respect fit for human habitation	289

Remedy of Defects during the Year without the Service of Formal Notices:

Number of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers	385

Action under Statutory Powers during the Year:

(a) Proceedings under Sections of the Housing Act 1957:

(1)	Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs ..	NIL
(2)	Number of dwelling houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices	
	(a) By Owners	10
	(b) By Local Authority in default of Owners	NIL

(b) Proceedings under Public Health Acts:

(1)	Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	NIL
(2)	Number of dwelling houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices:	
	(a) By Owners	1
	(b) By Local Authority in default of Owners	NIL

(c) Proceedings under Section 16 of the Housing Act 1957:

(1)	Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made ..	7
(2)	Premises in respect of which Undertakings to repair were accepted	15
(3)	Undertakings cancelled	10
(4)	Closing Orders	1
(5)	Premises Demolished	15

(d) Proceedings under Section 18 of the Housing Act 1957:

(1)	Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made	NIL
(2)	Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenements having been rendered fit	NIL

Common Lodging Houses

The one common lodging house in the area which was situated in the Godrergraig Landslip Area is no longer in use.

Caravans

The Caravan Sites and Control Development Act 1960 now makes is possible to deal more adequately with sporadic development and close liaison is maintained with your Council's Planning Officer in order to ensure that caravans are not sited and occupied in circumstances whereby public health may be endangered. Generally speaking, there is very little caravan usage in the area, nor does it appear that future years will see an increase.

Land Charges

A total of 572 land charges inquiries was dealt with departmentally during the year. These were distributed on Ward basis as follows:

Ynisymond	5	Clydach	138
Cilybebyll	133	Gellionnen	35
Blaenegel & Mawr ..	70	Godrergraig	15
Alltygrug	50	Cwmllynfell	16
Caegurwen	86	Mawr	24

TOTAL — 572

ATMOSPHERIC POLLUTION

There is little air pollution in the area. The principal heavy industry is a Nickel Refinery and there is the fullest co-operation between your officers and the management on pollution control measures. The new industries which are beginning to settle in the area are principally light engineering in nature and present no problem. Domestically the area suffers little in comparison with the Black areas of the country while the coal supplied for domestic use is bituminous in nature. Most of the coal supplied locally is anthracite with little volatile content.

AIR POLLUTION RECORDING RESULTS

Month	Deposited Matter Tons per sq. mile	Mg. of SO3 day collected by 100 sq. cm. of batch A Pb02 (louvered cover)
		High Street Clydach
January ..	—	0.40
February ..	—	0.61
March ..	—	0.77
April ..	—	0.55
May ..	—	1.13
June ..	—	0.99
July ..	—	0.90
August ..	—	0.80
September ..	—	0.45
October ..	—	0.28
November ..	—	0.85
December ..	—	0.11

GENERAL PUBLIC HEALTH

The statistics in the earlier part of this report indicate the wide range of duties carried out by the Department but it is proposed to refer here to a few matters of particular interest which have been dealt with during the year.

(1) Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act, 1963

During the year premises have been registered, and in the main found generally to comply with the provisions of the Act. In some large undertakings, extensions are in need of consideration, and the plans will be discussed with the owners, so as to ensure that the Act is fully complied with.

(2) Animal Boarding Establishments Act, 1963

One premises only within the area needs to be registered, and it is so registered

(3) Scrap Metal Dealers Act, 1964

All scrap metal dealers are required to register with the Local Authorities. The inspection of their books and invoices is a matter for the constabulary. There is at present one registered dealer in the area.

(4) Noise

The noise level measuring instruments acquired by the Department with the Council's approval have already proved their worth in assessing and reducing noise levels in the area. Measurements have been made of heavy vehicles generally and particularly in the Gellygron Hill area. All national undertakings have been requested to muffle their road breaking machinery and advised that spot checks will in future be made. Opencast operations generally have been monitored and the decibel level of blasting assessed.

It has been found generally that the recording instruments are most useful in enabling persons causing noise nuisances to see for themselves the problems they create, and to date without exception it has enabled amicable solutions to be found.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

(1) Milk

Only designated milks are sold within the area. The bulk of such sales are T.T. Pasteurised. Inspections are made of dairies, milk distribution vehicles and sites where bulk supplies are delivered for local retail. Action over the years has affected considerable improvement in places where these supplies are put out for further collection. Samples are taken to ensure efficient pasteurisation and to see that no other infections are present.

Milk Supply

(a)	Number of Inspections made of Dairies and Milk Shops during the year	21
(b)	Number of Dairies which were internally re-conditioned, new floors and channels in cement concrete, additional windows fixed for improving the lighting, ventilation, new stalls and troughs, etc. erected	NIL

(c)	New Dairies erected	NIL
(d)	Number of Dairies limewashed on internal surfaces of walls and interior of roofs cleansed as the result of informal action taken	4

(2) Meat Inspection

The new private abattoir on the Industrial Estate which commenced operations in June of 1969 has operated satisfactorily during the year. It has now been granted a Certificate to export abroad and a 100% inspection of all meat slaughtered has been maintained.

(3) Food Hygiene

Regular inspections are made of all premises in the area where food is stored, prepared or sold for human consumption. There is a good standard of compliance with the regulations and food handlers generally co-operate with the officers in ensuring that the principles of food hygiene are observed.

Number of Food Premises in the area by Type of Business

	Number of Shops
Bakers and Pastrycooks (including all bread and flour confectioners)	15
Butchers (including Pork Butchers)	33
Coffee, Milk and Snack Bars	7
Confectioners (Sweets and Chocolates) (including Theatres, Cinemas, Departmental Stores, Newsagents, etc.)	130
Fishmongers: Wet	6
Fried	16
Fruiterers and Greengrocers (excluding Stallholders and Hawkers)	68
Grocers, Tea and Provision Dealers	157
Restaurants and Cafes (unlicensed)	13

(4) Ice Cream

Samples of ice-cream taken during the year have generally proved satisfactory. Most of the ice-cream sold in the area is of national manufacture, hygienically prepared and well packed. It is important, however, that retailers in the area understand the nature of the product they handle and are well versed in the steps necessary to prevent its contamination.

Unsound Foods Voluntarily Surrendered

Biscuits ..	84 pkts.	Foods (Frozen):	
Butter	28 lbs.	Fish ..	1353 pkts
Cereals ..	37 pkts	Meat ..	819 pkts
Cheese	168 lbs.	Vegetables	692 pkts
Chickens (Frozen)	71 lbs	Dried Fruit ..	24 pkts
Foods (canned):		Jams	6 jars
Fish ..	22 tins	Meat : (canned)	60 lbs
Meat ..	67 tins	(cooked)	5¼ lbs
Fruit ..	507 tins	(fresh)	14 lbs
Various ..	1099 tins	Potatoes ..	8 tons
		Sugar	28 lbs

(6) LICENSED PREMISES

The general survey made in October last year has been kept up to date by inspection as and when need arises. Improvements have been effected as a result of representations made following the triennial survey.

DISINFECTION

(1)	Number of investigations made of Notified Infectious Disease cases	385
(2)	Number of premises fumigated or otherwise disinfected	25
(3)	Number of cases where clothes were disinfected ..	NIL
(4)	Number of cases where bedding was destroyed ..	NIL

PART II

ADMINISTRATION OF THE SHOPS ACT 1950

In accordance with the agreement between this Authority and Glamorgan County Council the report annually required is herewith submitted on the administration of the Shops Act, 1950.

1. Early Closing

The early closing day varies in the district by reason of traders having exercised their legal right of option for the alternate day. The excercise of the above right has resulted in a variation of day within the same township. The community, however, appears to be well served. Particular attention has been paid to ensure that premises open for the sale of exempted goods do not sell articles not included in the Schedule.

2. Closing Hours

Shops within the area close according to the times set out in the act.

The hours of closing permitted by the Shops Act, 1950 operate in the area, the local Closing Order of 1915 being invalid due to incompatibility with the above Act.

3. Employment of Young Persons

The provisions of the Shops Act, 1950 and the Young Persons (Employment) Act, 1938 are generally observed within the area. The hours of work of these young people and the conditions of their employment are duly investigated during routine inspection.

No matters affecting young persons and requiring action under the above Act arose during the year. Liaison with the Youth Employment Bureau has proved of much assistance in the administration of these provisions.

4. Authorised Officers

Your Chief Public Health Inspector and first Additional Public Health Inspector are Authorised Officers under the above Act

5. General Observations of the Year's Work

During 1970, 521 inspections were made for matters falling within the Shops Act, 1950.

In order to ensure that the hours of closing and the provisions with regard to Sunday trading are being observed, visits have been made during the evening in the course of the year and in general it is felt that the provisions of the Act are being respected.

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